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January 27, 2005

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.  
Director and Chief Medical Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas L. Garthwaite", is written over the printed name and title of the sender.

SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CLOSING THE TRAUMA  
CENTER AT KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER**

On November 23, 2004, your Board approved the Department of Health Services' recommendation to close the Trauma Center at King/Drew Medical Center (MLK). This is a status report on the implementation of the closure process.

**California Medical Center's (CAL) Trauma Designation – Phase II**

On January 10, 2005, the EMS Agency conducted a review of performance of CAL since designation of its Trauma Center on December 1, 2004. The trauma program at CAL has performed effectively within accepted standards of trauma care during the first month of implementation. Therefore, the second phase implementation of CAL's trauma catchment area will be effective February 1, 2005. In addition, the southern boundary for LAC+USC Medical Center's trauma catchment area has been changed to conform with the impending closure of the trauma unit at MLK and to account for volume reductions as a result of bringing CAL into the trauma system. The notice and maps for EMS providers and hospitals is attached.

**St. Francis Medical Center Augmentation**

Negotiations with St. Francis Medical Center (SFMC) are ongoing and it is expected that a final agreement for the augmentation of the trauma agreement with SFMC will be reached within the next week. SFMC's administration has demonstrated that both the trauma and emergency room volumes at that hospital have already increased in direct association with MLK issues.

**Harbor-UCLA Medical Center**

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center has taken steps to prepare for an estimated additional annual volume of 500 trauma victims. An associated budget adjustment will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

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### **MLK Trauma Unit Closure**

The EMS Agency has met with the Navigant representatives at MLK to discuss the process and timeline for closing the Trauma Center at MLK, including appropriate signage and EMS system notification. Navigant is currently assessing the appropriateness of any reductions in clinical staff associated with the closure of the trauma unit.

A final Board letter to implement all remaining actions necessary to close the Trauma Center at MLK will be forthcoming with a final closure no later than mid-February.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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### **Attachments**

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
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January 12, 2005

TO: Distribution

FROM: Carol Meyer  
Director

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL'S PHASE II TRAUMA  
CATCHMENT AREA & REVISION OF BORDERING TRAUMA CATCHMENT  
AREAS:

- ▶ LAC + USC MEDICAL CENTER
- ▶ MARTIN LUTHER KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER

This is to announce that the second phase of the implementation of California Medical Center's (CAL) trauma catchment area will be **effective February 1, 2005**. In addition, the southern boundary for LAC+USC Medical Center's (USC) trauma catchment area has changed to conform with the implementation of CAL and the impending closure of the Trauma Unit at Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center (MLK). **Please note that the southern boundary of USC's trauma catchment area is lowered to Gage Avenue.**

Additional trauma catchment changes for Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center will occur later in February. The EMS Agency will notify all providers and base hospitals of these changes by separate cover letter.

It is imperative that Prehospital Care Providers adhere to these trauma catchment area boundaries.

The following is a summary of the changes and maps are enclosed:

TRAUMA CENTER	EXISTING BOUNDARIES	REVISED BOUNDARIES
CAL	Northern Boundary: Santa Monica (10) Fwy / Western Ave. / Olympic Blvd.  Eastern Boundary: Central Ave.  Southern Boundary: Slauson Ave. (Phase I)  Western Boundary: Crenshaw Blvd.	Northern Boundary: No Change  Eastern Boundary: No Change  Southern Boundary: West Century Blvd. (Phase II)  Western Boundary: No Change

TRAUMA CENTER	EXISTING BOUNDARIES	REVISED BOUNDARIES
USC	<p><b>Northern Boundary:</b> Los Feliz Blvd. / Glendale City Limits / York Blvd. / South Pasadena City Limits / Alhambra City Limits / San Gabriel City Limits / Rosemead City Limits / Temple City Limits / Arcadia City Limits / Foothill (210) Freeway.</p> <p><b>Eastern Boundary:</b> San Gabriel (605) Freeway.</p> <p><b>Southern Boundary:</b> Slauson Ave. / Garfield Ave. / Washington Blvd.</p> <p><b>Western Boundary:</b> Western Ave. / Olympic Blvd. / Central Ave.</p>	<p><b>Northern Boundary:</b> No Change</p> <p><b>Eastern Boundary:</b> No Change</p> <p><b>Southern Boundary:</b> Gage Ave. / Garfield Ave. / Washington Blvd.</p> <p><b>Western Boundary:</b> No Change</p>
MLK	<p><b>Northern Boundary:</b> W. Slauson Ave.</p> <p><b>Eastern Boundary:</b> Alameda St.</p> <p><b>Southern Boundary:</b> Century (105) Freeway / Harbor (110) Freeway / Rosecrans Ave.</p> <p><b>Western Boundary:</b> Crenshaw Blvd.</p>	<p><b>Northern Boundary:</b> Century Blvd / S. Central / E. Gage Ave.</p> <p><b>Eastern Boundary:</b> No Change</p> <p><b>Southern Boundary:</b> No Change</p> <p><b>Western Boundary:</b> No Change</p>

If you have any further questions, please contact Paula Rashi at (323) 890-7581.

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Enclosures

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# California Medical Center Trauma Center Catchment Area

## PHASE 2

Target Date: 02/01/05

CAL California Medical Center



TRAUMA CENTER



TRAUMA AREA  
BOUNDARIES



FREEWAYS



MAJOR STREETS

**NORTHERN BOUNDARY**  
Santa Monica (10) Freeway  
Western Avenue  
Olympic Boulevard

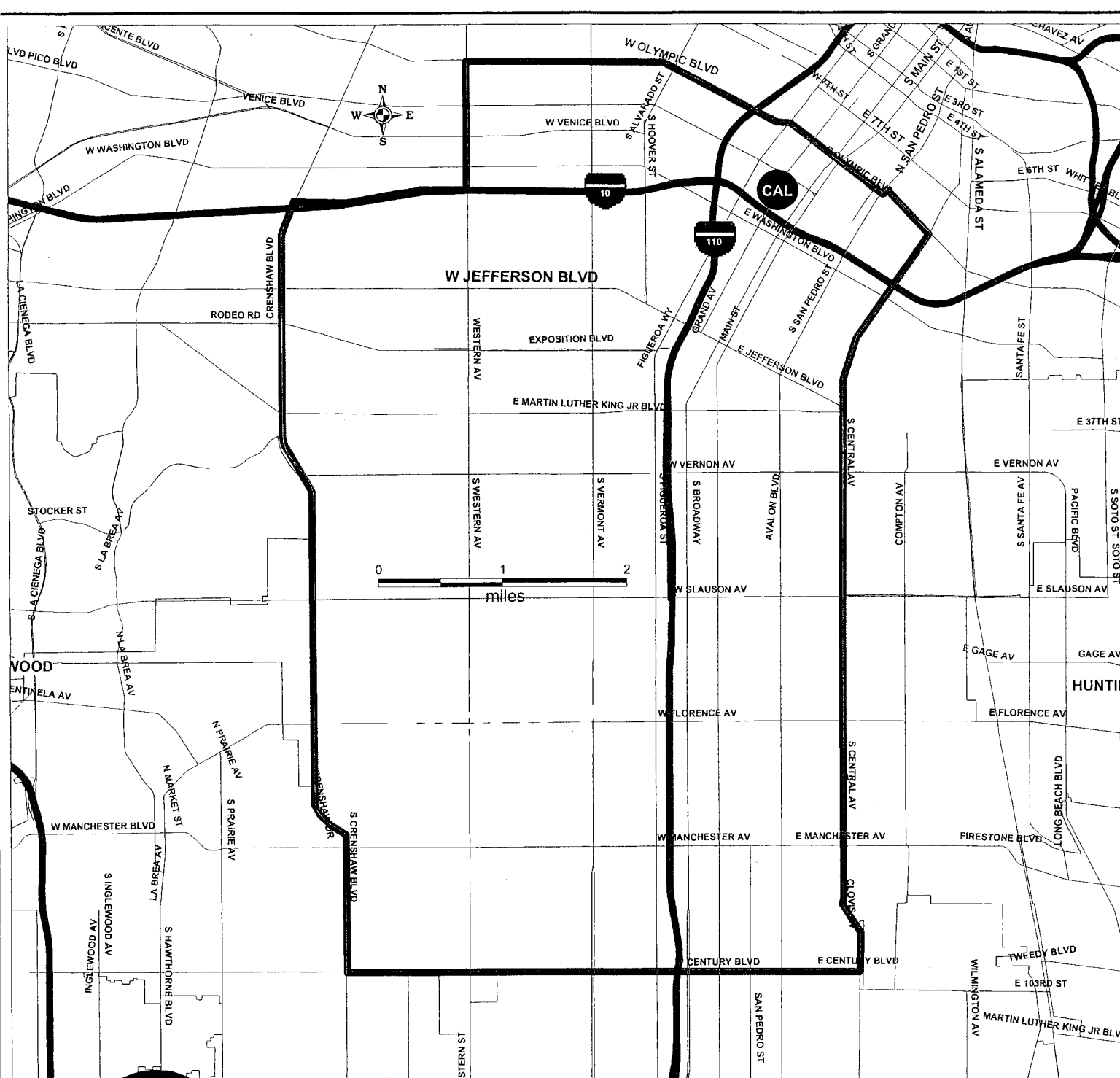
**EASTERN BOUNDARY**  
Central Avenue

**SOUTHERN BOUNDARY**  
Century Blvd. (PHASE 2)

**WESTERN BOUNDARY**  
Crenshaw Boulevard



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Trauma Center ●  
USC: LAC-USC Medical Center  
HMH: Huntington Memorial Hospital  
CHH: Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles

**NORTHERN BOUNDARY**  
Los Feliz Blvd.  
South Glendale City Limits  
York Blvd.  
South Pasadena City Limits  
Alhambra City Limits  
South San Gabriel City Limits  
North Rosemead City Limits  
South Temple City Limits  
East Arcadia City Limits  
Foothill (210) Freeway

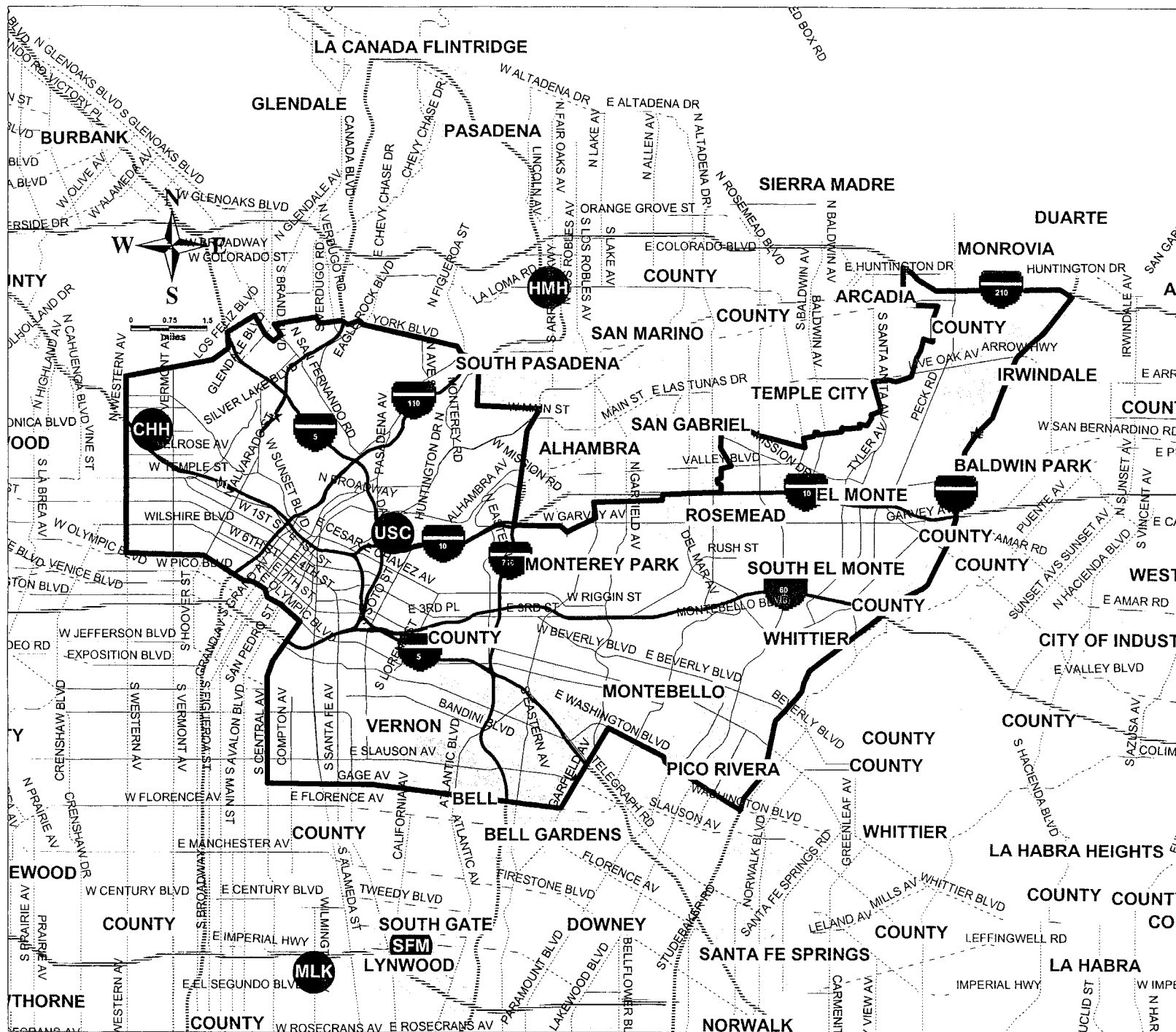
EASTERN BOUNDARY  
San Gabriel (605) Freeway

SOUTHERN BOUNDARY  
Gage Avenue  
Garfield Avenue  
Washington Blvd.

WESTERN BOUNDARY  
Western Avenue  
Olympic Blvd.  
Central Avenue



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# King/Drew Medical Center Trauma Center Catchment Area

Trauma Center ●  
SFM: St. Francis Medical Center  
MLK: King/Drew Medical Center

Trauma Area Boundary ———  
Freeways ———  
Major Streets ———

## NORTHERN BOUNDARY

Century Blvd.  
Central Avenue  
E. Gage Avenue

## EASTERN BOUNDARY

Alameda Blvd.

## SOUTHERN BOUNDARY

Century Freeway (105)  
Harbor Freeway (110).  
Rosecrans Ave.

## WESTERN BOUNDARY

Crenshaw Blvd.



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